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Re: **DHS/OS/PO 05-673**

Dear Ms. Slaughter and Mr. Conyers:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated May 17, 2005. This request was referred to the DHS Privacy Office for action. We received this request in our office on August 2, 2005. Your requested the following pertaining to journalist James Guckert's access to the White House:

1. Policies, procedures and guidelines for when a journalist must undergo the more rigorous security clearance and application for a "permanent" pass and can no longer be admitted under a "temporary appointment" pass;
2. Policies and procedures relating to when and how reporters are allowed to access the White House under a "temporary appointment" pass while there are no press events;
3. Policies and procedures that could have allowed Mr. Guckert to enter or leave the White House complex without a Secret Service record of his entering or leaving the complex;
4. Policies and procedures relating to how the badge numbers are generated and the significance of the numbers;
5. Policies pertaining to the entrances through which the press is allowed to enter and exit the White House;
6. Regarding the two columns labeled "MsgName" and "Reason" as shown on the USSS "NWHACS – Access Control Records", all records relating to what could be entered in these columns and what those entries mean; and

7. All records pertaining to whomever requested that Mr. Guckert's name be placed on the access list and when those requests occurred.

I am referring your request to Latita Huff of the United States Secret Service (USSS) for processing and direct response to you. You may contact USSS via telephone at 202-406-5838 or in writing at 245 Murray Drive, Bldg. 410, Washington, DC 20223.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **DHS/OS/PO 05-673**.

Sincerely,



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